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**Summary**: *Broken Chain* takes place in California in the 1980’s. Alfonso, a middle schooler, dislikes how he looks. He meets Sandra and asks her to go bike riding with him. In order to do this, he has to ask his older brother, Ernie, if he can borrow his bike. Ernie thinks Sandra may be one of the girls who stood his friends and him up. Ernie is also jealous of his younger brother finding a girlfriend before he did. Out of spite, he refuses to loan his bike to Alfonso. To make things worse, Alfonso breaks his bike chain while cleaning it. What follows is Alfonso’s will to keep his dream alive by navigating through the *broken chain* of events.

**Preparing for our reading**: Complete the following questions using nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

**Example**: *The first time I met someone I liked was when I was at church picnic with friends on a warm sunny day.*

***Describe*:** 1. The first time I met someone I liked was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Explain***: 2. The reason I liked \_\_\_\_ was because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Cite***: 3. The problems I ran into when I wanted to see \_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

***Analyze***: 4. The reasons going out did/didn’t work were because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

***Evaluate***: 5. Next time I meet someone I like I would change \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

***Conclude***: 6. I did/did not end up with a broken heart because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** .